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**SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **02V-268** by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **October 1, 2002**

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**SUBJECT: 59,394 Toyota 2001-2002 Echo passenger vehicles. If the vehicle is driven under repeated start and stop operation in low ambient temperatures and in deep snow, there is a possibility that snow could accumulate in large quantities inside the rear wheel and freeze. The snow frozen inside the wheel could contact the rear brake line during wheel rotation. If this condition occurs frequently, the rear brake line could be damaged, which could result in leakage of brake fluid, causing a decrease in brake effectiveness.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter **in which notification to purchasers occurs**. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during November 2002. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2003.

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